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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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THE REPLY FILED 07 April 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires ____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (This section is for the Office use only.)

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): see attachment.
 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) ____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attachment.
 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____. (This section is for the Office use only.)

Claim(s) objected to: _____. (This section is for the Office use only.)

Claim(s) rejected: 3-7,9,10,12,13,46,48,57 and 58. (This section is for the Office use only.)

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 14-16,28,29,47 and 59. (This section is for the Office use only.)

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
 10. Other: _____. (This section is for the Office use only.)

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ADVISORY ACTION

- [1] Claims 3-7, 9, 10, 12-16, 28, 29, 46-48, and 57-59 are pending in the application.
- [2] Claims 14-16, 28, 29, 47, and 59 remain withdrawn from further consideration.
- [3] Claims 3-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 46, 48, 57, and 58 stand finally rejected.
- [4] Applicant's amendment to claim 48 in Paper No. 9, filed 04/07/03, is acknowledged.
- [5] The request for reconsideration in the after final amendment of Paper No. 9 is acknowledged.

While the amendment is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claim 48 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, the amendment does not place the claims in condition for allowance for the reasons stated in item 7 below.

- [6] In view of applicant's amendment to claim 48, the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn.
- [7] In view of applicant's failure to respond to the rejection under 35 USC 101 as set forth in item 8 of Paper No. 8, the rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as set forth in items 10 and 11 of Paper No. 8, and the obviousness-type double patenting rejection as set forth in item 13 of Paper No. 8, these rejections are maintained for the reasons of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Steadman, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3934. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Poninathapura Achutamurthy, can be reached at (703) 308-3804. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Art Unit receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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